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BIOTECHNOLOGY PROGRAMME FOR SELF EMPLOYMENT
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Departmentof Biotechnology has formulated any scheme on biotechnology programme for self-employment especially for Jammu and Kashmir and North Eastern Region;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of functioning and achievements of the Rural Bio-resource Centres in Karnataka, Haryana, Uttaranchat, Maharashtra and Orissa;

(d) whether there is any proposal to open Bio-resource complex in Jammu and Kashmir for empowerment and economic upliftment of the rural population; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL):

(a) Thoush, the department has a scheme on Biotechnology based Programmes for Societal Development to benefit SC/ST, women and rural people, there is no such scheme specifically for Jammu and Kashmir and the North Eastern Region. Through this scheme, various demonstraton and training programmes are being supported in employment and income generation activities all over the country.

(b) As such, there is no specific scheme formulated on Biotechnology Programme for Self-employment especially for Jammu and Kashmir and North Eastern region. However, these states are being supported, based on the proposals received.

(c) Five Rural Bioresource Complexes supported in Karnataka, Haryana, Uttaranchal, Maharashtra and Orissa are being implemented through State Agriculture Universities and associated non-government organizations for undertaking village and field-based activities. In Karnataka, fifteen interventions are being promoted in the project implementation area involving 6067 families. Forty two training programmes were organized for the beneficiaries and market linkages were established to self the produce with profitable margin. In Maharashtra, seed production programme has been taken up on 271.6 hectare areas covering 678 beneficiaries directly. Pomegranate cultivation was completed on 75 acres area benefiting 75 farmers. Goat keeping intervention was extended to 4 0 landless beneficiaries. A low cost completely pre-fabricated poultry shed in under construction on the site of 40 landless beneficiaries. Till date, 843 families have been benefited directly and 2297 families indirectly. Rural Bioresource Complexes in Haryana, Uttaranchal and Orissa are also progressing well.

(d)No, Sir

(e) Does not arise.